

For President.
GEN. JOHN F. HARTMAN.
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

(Subject to the decision of the Republican National Convention.)

THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

The action of the Republican State Convention at Harrisburg last week was characterized throughout by the utmost harmony. It was an unusually harmonious gathering which in itself argues well for the future. At the Harrisburg caucus, called on Tuesday evening, almost every delegate then in Harrisburg put in an appearance, and when his name was proposed in open convention that day as the choice of Pennsylvania for the Presidency, there was not a dissenting voice. Although the entire programme had been arranged previous to the assembling of the Convention, there was no one present who desired to make any material change therein, and all questions were settled without discussion, and by a single vote.

CONNECTICUT ELECTION.

The result of the Connecticut election is given in another part of this paper. The Democratic candidate for Governor has been elected by a greatly reduced majority. The Legislature is Democratic and D. A. Wells the Democratic free trade champion is defeated for Congress in the Third district. This result gives new vigor to the brighter prospects for the continued ascendancy of the Republican party. The exhibition of the inability in the Democratic House of Representatives has satisfied the people of Connecticut, as the whole country, that the party in the majority there is not to be trusted for political wisdom to any thing of political honesty.

The financial Chronicle, a good authority, in its last issue expresses the belief that the financial troubles have been at their worst; that the next few months will bring but few failures, and that there will be an improvement in business, involving such an improvement in the money market as will enable all the banks to pay their dividends next October. But there is an inevitable tendency to lower rates of interest, smaller profits in business, and diminished dividends, and capitalists and business men should make their expenditures in accord with the changed conditions of the times.

HAIT. The Democrat noticed, last week, the fact that the plan of Mr. Wetzel, architect of Danville, for the construction of the new jail, had been adopted. His estimated cost, we learn, is about \$108,000. There were other plans submitted which were not favored by more than one Commissioner, who brought his colleague into the harness at the last moment. The difference in the price of Mr. Wetzel's plan, and another considered superior to it, is upwards of twenty thousand dollars. The best plan being estimated to cost the least money. Whether the people will tamely submit to the dictation of Messrs. Reitz, Henrie, Kiehloltz, Parry and a few other Democrats who have already formed a ring to build the jail, remains to be seen. We rather think that they will receive the benefit of the percentages allowed for cash payment for material, instead of a few well known grabbers, who are ever ready to appropriate any spoils that may be laying around loose, or that can be adroitly extracted from the pockets of the people.

LEGISLATIVE OUTRAGE.—On Friday last the State Senate adjourned over to Tuesday night, simply because, having completed all the business before it, it had nothing to do. The House has accomplished very little, and has not even passed upon the appropriation bill. The Pittsburgh Gazette says: "It is perfectly unnecessary that the cause of the delay in the desire of the Democracy to remain in session till the Centennial opens, in order to have a grand jubilee at Philadelphia." The hundred days allowed for the extra session have expired, and yet the purpose is to continue in session some fifty days longer, in order that the members may dead-head it through the Centennial. This will cost the State from \$150,000 to \$250,000. It should be noticed that the Senate has no part or lot in this matter. It has used its power to the utmost to force an adjournment in the hundred days. It gave notice that after April 1st, it would not receive bills from the House; but this is met by holding back the Appropriation bill, so as to force the Senate to break its own rule. We never knew a Legislative session to be prolonged, at large expense to the people, under the inspiration of so small a motive. Whatever of dignity may attach to an adjournment at the Centennial, as a body, could be realized by adjourning to meet at the particular time required. But fearing that this would be pre-eminently transparent, the House fritters away its time over nothing, in order to remain in regular session till the day arrives for the Centennial opening.

We regard this entire affair as a gross outrage on the people. It would be better for the members to at once vote \$50,000 for the expenses of their journey, and adjournment as this might be. We give notice that the robbery of the people by the continuance of the session will be remembered, and the Democracy will be held to a strict accountability for this outrage. They were elected on a cry of reform, and one particular feature of the reform was the curtailment of legislative expense. They at once broke their pledges, when in power by increasing the number of Legislative officials, but that was a mere bagatelle, compared with this last steal. Their effort to extend the session will, of course, prove successful, as they hold the power, but to do this from a merely sordid motive is in itself so intolerably stupid and corrupt, that we have no language strong enough to express our reprehension of it. It is simply the wildest description of stealing under the form of law.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Scranton wants a fire alarm telegraph.

Reading riflemen have arranged for two prize fights.

Philadelphia is said to be flooded with counterfeit five dollar notes.

There is a pupil at the State Orphan school seventy-nine years old.

A remarkable "revival" was seen by the churches over New Philadelphia. All the churches are feeling the effects of it, but it has been especially noticeable in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. W. A. Davidson, pastor. Sometimes the church upstairs and the lecture room are filled so that two meetings must be held. One hundred and fifty have thus far professed conversion, and the work seems just begun.

In the Senate on Friday Mr. Bruce, the colored Senator, in his speech upon the Mississippi resolution, contended that there was no justification for the course pursued by the Democrats in Mississippi; that they had obtained complete control of the State by resorting to violence, and that investigation would show the bad condition of affairs.

Some racials attempted to blow up the house of ex-Sheriff McCartney, of Dauphin county, by putting some explosive material inside the vestibule of his house, and having it touched off. The house was pretty well shattered, but no one was hurt.

Harriet Stewart, colored, of Lancaster, has been committed for trial for strangling her illegitimate offspring.

Get the stockings ready. Hundreds of barrels of silver dimes, quarters and half-dollars are arriving at the various United States sub-treasuries and will soon be paid out.

A personal reflection. Dio Lewis says that the women are mainly responsible for intemperance in this country, through the encouragement they give the social glass.

Another bonanza. The price of social glass in the San Francisco Stock Board, which last year was \$20,000 each, has rapidly increased, until last week \$35,000 was offered for one in vain.

There is promise of an abundant crop in Western New York. The winter has never been too cold nor warm to do any material injury to either the fruit trees or the vines.

The Jews are to hold a national convention in New York next month, to take steps for the endowment of a Hebrew university. This speaks well for that tenacious and thrifty body.

Eggs are worth three cents a dozen in Hamilton county, Nebraska.

A mountain of superior white chalk has been discovered in Idaho.

The debt statement shows a reduction of the public debt during the month of \$24,800,862.

The grangers of the United States have over \$18,000,000 invested in their various enterprises.

The burning of the Norwich, Conn. almshouse restored to mental health a man who was insane before the fire.

The San Francisco Call says that Mr. Montgomery Blair has bought for \$1,000,000 New India quicksilver mine.

The resignation of Rev. J. Hewitt, of the Bloomsbury Episcopal church, has been accepted by the vestry.

The Hazelton Sentinel calls the whiskey office business "voluntary" which is a good name for it.

A recent marriage notice ends with the singular expression, probably added by a wag, "May their future troubles be little ones."

There was a heavy snow storm in New York on Saturday. The Hudson River Railroad trains were delayed by half miles, while those of the Harlem road and others blocked by snow drifts in some places fifteen or twenty feet deep.

Secretary of State Fish has assumed that the revolution in Mexico has assumed such proportions that it is believed it will result in the complete overthrow of the present government. The outbreak extends to nearly all the Mexican States.

Governor Hartman has signed the County Salary bill; also the bill making appropriation for an educational display and for a State building at the Centennial.

Briget O'Donnell was found dead Sunday morning in a field on the outside of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania.

A post-mortem examination was held and it was shown that she had been choked to death. There is yet no clue to the murderer, but the police are in search of a tramp, who was seen in that neighborhood last evening.

A twelve year old lad named Murphy, living in Greenburg, has applied for letters patent on a railroad switch, invented by himself. It is pronounced by railroad men to be the best yet discovered.

The first whiskey trial in Chicago has resulted in a verdict of guilty, the defendants being charged with having defrauded the government out of a tax on 100,000 gallons of spirits.

The evidence in the Belknap case is being prepared by the district-attorney of the District of Columbia for the presentation to the grand jury, and it is probable that indictment will be found in a very short time.

The Legislature has passed a bill appropriating \$15,000 for an educational exhibit at the Centennial Exhibition and to erect a model school house. The bill has also been passed appropriating \$40,000 for the erection of a building on the grounds for the accommodation of Pennsylvanians.

The Governor has signed both bills.

One by the name of Bell has testified before a Congressional committee that Babcock, Ducky and Brady had him to go to St. Louis, to Mr. Dwyer's law office, to make way with the testimony there against Babcock. They, however, all deny it, and say that Bell is a bad character.

A locomotive on the Tyrone and Clearfield Railroad exploded near Grand Ridge on Friday, killing three men and fatally injuring the fourth.

The postmasters of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other cities have received orders from the Secretary of the Treasury to cut off the fuel, gas and water from the government buildings. The reason assigned is the exhaustion of the appropriation, and the neglect of Congress to make provision for the emergency.

Hunting in Potter county has been poor this winter, woe of snow having interfered sadly with the sportsmen. Leroy Lyman, the veteran hunter of that region, reports that he has only been able to kill "one fox, two minks, eight coons, eight wild cats, eight hares and seventeen deer," which he thinks mighty poor luck.—Pottsville Journal.

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